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To the Reader.

Haue beene often earneſtly requeſted, gentle reader, to perſe ouer the kings grammer, and to amend the faultes therein, which are thought to bee verie manie. But wanting conuenient leaſure for ſuch a purpoſe, I had thought neuer to haue troubled my ſelfe with any part of that worke. Notwithſtanding, nowe of late, yeelding ſomewhat to the importunitie of my friends, I haue, as my buſines would ſuffer me, looked into the verſifying rules, and written ſomewhat of thē. And, becauſe I am informed that many young gentlemen are greatly delited with Engliſh verſifying, after the commēdable examples of the Earle of Surrey, my L. Buckhurſt, ſir Philip Sydney, ſir Thomas Wyat, Maſter Arthure Golding, maſter B. G. maſter A. N. and other ſuch worthy men, and yet knowe no better rules to be directed by in making their Poems and ſongs, than the vncertaine & variable iudgement of the eare: I haue to further them and other in ſo liberall a

ſtudie, and ſo good an exerciſe, added certaine præcepts concerning Engliſh verſes alſo. Which litle treatiſe, gentle Reader, if it happen to come to thy hands, I beſeech thee fauourably to accept, & where thou findeſt it faultie, friendly to amend it. And ſo, truſting to thy courteſie in this behalfe, I bidde thee farewell.

Thine hartie wel-
willer H. B.